which is the statutory laboratory for testing Sera and Vaccine in the country. The Central Research Institute, Kasauli at present do not have testing facilities for testing M.M.R. (Measles Mumps and Rubella) Vaccine, Hepatitis Vaccine and Meningoccal Vaccine. Available information showing the number of vaccines tested by the Central Research Institute, Kasauli during the last 2 years is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

(c) Under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules whenever any sample of vaccine fails, action such as wihdrawal of batch from the market, cancellation, suspension of Licences and prosecution etc. is taken by the State Drug Controllers.

(d) and (e) No reports have been received by the Government that adequate number of samples are not being drawn from the market.

Statement

1985-86 1986-87	*Total Tested*	*Standard*	*Sub-standard*
Rabies	3	2	1
Measles	Nil	..	..
Polio vaccine	13	6	7
Rabies	3	2	1
Measles	Nil	..	..
Polio vaccine	20	8	12

Post of Assistant Commissioner (Administration in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1854. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a post of Assistant Commissioner (Administration) in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, when this post was created, for what duration it was created, when it was filled up and who was the first incumbent of the post;

(c) whether the post is substantive or ad-hoc;

(d) whether there is any proposal to make it substantive;

(e) whether the present incumbent has been given charge of duties of Deputy Commissioner (Administration) recently in supersession of claims of Senior Assistant Commissioners; and

(f) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sanction of the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was accorded for the creation of the post of Assistant Commissioner (Administration) with effect from 9th January, 1984 on temporary basis. It was filled on 4th October, 1985 and the first incumbent was Shri S. P. Datta.

(c) and (d) The post is now a substantive one.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Punching of tickets by conductors in DTC

1855. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to discontinue the present system of punching the tickets with finger nails in DTC buses by conductors, which is most unscientific and time consuming, with some simple mechanical devise;

(b) how does the system of ticket punching in DTC buses compares with the system of issuance of tickets to the commuters in other metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Madras;

(c) whether any work study has been done by the DTC so far as to ascertain the time taken by the conductors on the issuance of tickets to each passenger;

(d) whether it is a fact that many commuters ususally avoid to buy tickets because of time wasting exercise which results into heavy losses to the DTC; and

(e) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In Bombay, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Madras, tickets are punched with punching machines while in Calcutta conductors punch the ticket with fingernails.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) No such incidents have come to notice.

(e) Does not arise.

Fixation of DTC Fare

1856. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria adopted for the fixation of DTC fare;

(b) whether it is a fact that though the distance between Pusa Road and the Central Secretariat *via* Mandir Marg is less than 4 kilometres, the DTC collects Re. 1 as the fare from the commuters;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are a large number of routes where the DTC collects Re. 1 as fare for distance which is less than 4 kms;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to direct DTC not to overcharge the travelling public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The DTC fares are charged with reference to fare stages which are generally fixed at distances of 2 Kms. approximately.

(b) No, Sir. The distance between Pusa Road (Telephone Exchange) Bus stop and Central Secretariat *via* Mandir Marg is more than 4 kms as recorded by DTC.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Fare charged by DTC

1857. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the Supreme Court direction to the